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SUBJ: GUINEA-BISSAU: POSSIBLE APPLICATION FOR

UN MEMBERSHIP

1. SUMMARY: AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THERE HAS BEEN ACTIVE DISCUSSION IN UN CORRIDORS DURING RECENT DAYS OF POSSIBLE APPLICATION TO SC RE UN MEMBERSHIP FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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GUINEA-BISSAU. WE HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH UKDEL

RELATIVE TO APPROACHES MADE TO BOTH OF US SEPARATELY BY MAURITANIAN PERM REP, SERVING AS SC PRES DURING JUNE, AND IN EVALUATING OTHER DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUE.

- 2. DURING CONVERSATION ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS AFTERNOON
 JUNE 28, SYG TOLD ME HE HAD VISIT THAT MORNING FROM THE GUINEABISSAU OBSERVER WHO HAD MADE CLEAR DESIRE TO APPLY FOR
 MEMBERSHIP, GIVING AS ONE REASON HIS INTEREST IN
 SEPARATING G-B SITUATION FROM POSSIBLE CONFUSION WITH
 PROBLEMS OF ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE. WALDHIEM SAID THAT
 AFTER DISCUSSION OF PROBLEMS INVOLVING G-B, OBSERVER
 HAD AGREED WITH HIM HE WOULD TAKE NO ACTION WITH
 RESPECT TO SC BEFORE HIS RETURN AROUND JULY 10 FROM
 EUROPEAN TRIP ON WHICH HE LEAVES JUNE 29.
- 3. BASED ON OUR OWN CONVERSATIONS WITH SC PRESIDENT, UK PERM REP RICHARD AND OTHER SC MEMBERS. IT NOW APPEARS THAT NO G-B APPLICATION WILL COME TO SC BEFORE THREE WEEKS TIME. WE HAVE TAKEN GENERAL POSITION IN CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTERS BETWEEN GOVT OF PORTUGAL AND PAICG ARE IN DELICATE STAGE OF NEGOATIONS WITH GENERAL FORWARD MOVEMENT AND THAT REASONABLE PATIENCE WOULD BE THE ORDER OF THE DAY. WE HAVE STRESSED LEGAL AND OTHER COMPLICATIONS INVOLVED IN ISSUE AND HAVE LEFT DOUGT AT TO WHAT THE U.S. POSITION WOULD BE IN CASE OF PRECIPITATE APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.
- 4. FOLLOWING CONVERSATION WITH SYG I HAVE TALKED WITH IVOR RICHARD OF UK, WHO DEPARTS EVENING JUNE 28 FOR LONDON. HE STATES THAT FONMIN SOARES OF PORTUGAL IS NOW VISITING LONDON. RICHARDS' INCLINATION IS TO LET BRITISH POLICY BE GUIDED BY WISHES OF SOARES. HE IS FRANK IN EXPRESSING DESIRE TO AID SOARES' POSITION IN PORTUGUESE GOVT; IF SOARES ADVISES NO DIFFICULTY IN EARLY APPLICATION FOR G-B UN MEMBERSHIP, THEN HE WOULD ADVISE UK GOVT TO GO ALONG. I SAID OUR OWN POLICY MIGHT BE KEYED MORE TO WISHES OF ENTIRE PORTUGUESE GOVT, RATHER THAN RESTING IT ENTIRELY ON DESIRES OF SOARES.
- 5. IN ANY EVENT, WE SEEM TOHAVE TWO OR POSSIBLY THREE CONFIDENTIAL

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